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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Judy Carol Young et al.
Application No. : 09/237,291 Confirmation No. : 9391
Filed : January 25, 1999
For : EXPANDED AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED
POPULATIONS OF HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS
Group Art Unit : 1635
Examiner : Karen A. Lacourciere

New York, New York 10020
March 85, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated
October 8, 2003 in the above application. Applicants have
petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for
responding for two months, from January 8, 2004 up to and
including March 8, 2004, and have paid the required fee [37
C.F.R. §§ 1.36(a) and 1.17(a)(2)].